

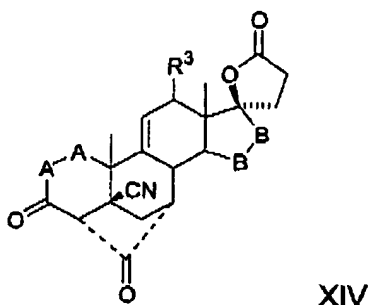
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-65 (canceled).

Claim 66 (withdrawn) A compound of Formula XIV:

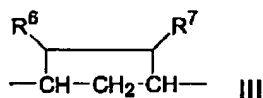


wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^4-\text{CHR}^5-$ or $-\text{CR}^4=\text{CR}^5-$;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^6-\text{CHR}^7-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:



where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy.

Claim 67 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 66 wherein:

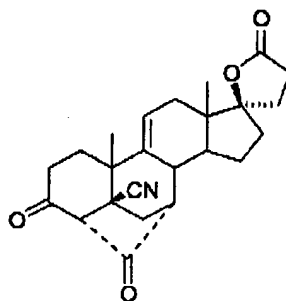
R^3 is hydrogen;

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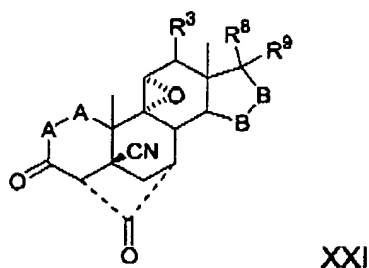
-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$.

Claim 68 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 66 having the structural formula:



Claim 69 (withdrawn): A compound corresponding to Formula XXI:

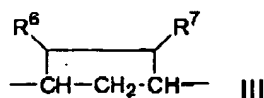


wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^4-\text{CHR}^5-$ or $-\text{CR}^4=\text{CR}^5-$;

R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy;

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^6-\text{CHR}^7-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:

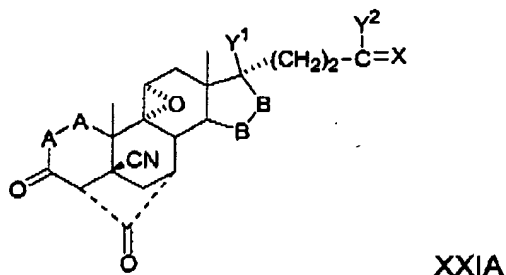


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where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy; and

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy, or R^8 and R^9 together comprise a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring structure, or R^8 or R^9 together with R^6 or R^7 comprise a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring structure fused to the pentacyclic D ring.

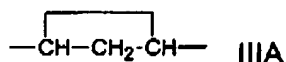
Claim 70 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 69 corresponding to Formula XXIA:



wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$;

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula IIIA:



X represents two hydrogen atoms or oxo;

Y^1 and Y^2 together represent the oxygen bridge $-\text{O}-$, or

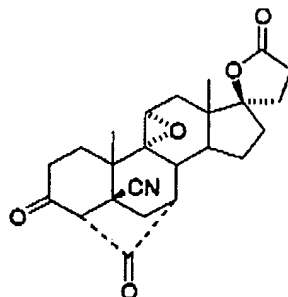
Y^1 represents hydroxy, and

Y^2 represents hydroxy, lower alkoxy or, if X represents H_2 , also lower alkanoyloxy;

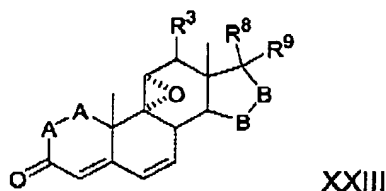
and salts of compounds in which X represents oxo and Y^2 represents hydroxy.

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Claim 71 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 69 having the structural formula:



Claim 72 (withdrawn): A compound corresponding to Formula XXIII:

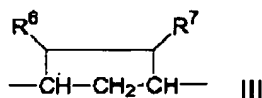


wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^4-\text{CHR}^5-$ or $-\text{CR}^4=\text{CR}^5-$;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy;

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^6-\text{CHR}^7-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:



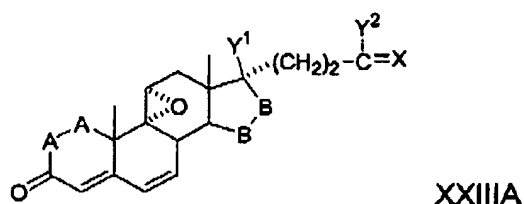
where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxy, carbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy; and

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl,

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hydroxycarbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy, or R^8 and R^9 together comprise a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring structure, or R^8 or R^9 together with R^6 or R^7 comprise a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring structure fused to the pentacyclic D ring.

Claim 73 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 72 corresponding to Formula XXIIIA:

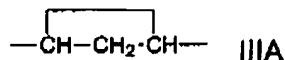


wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$;

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group

of Formula IIIA:



X represents two hydrogen atoms or oxo;

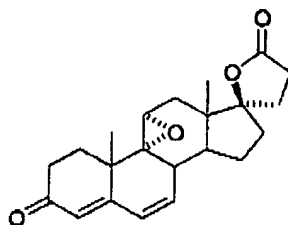
Y^1 and Y^2 together represent the oxygen bridge $-\text{O}-$, or

Y^1 represents hydroxy, and

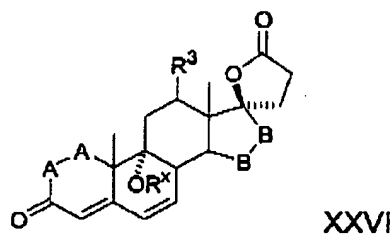
Y^2 represents hydroxy, lower alkoxy or, if X represents H_2 , also lower alkanoyloxy;

and salts of compounds in which X represents oxo and Y^2 represents hydroxy.

Claim 74 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 72 having the structural formula:

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Claim 75 (withdrawn): A compound corresponding to Formula XXVI:

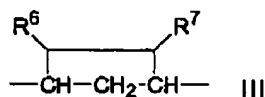


wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^4-\text{CHR}^5-$ or $-\text{CR}^4=\text{CR}^5-$;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy;

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^6-\text{CHR}^7-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:



where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy; and

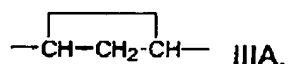
R^x is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and hydroxy protecting groups.

Claim 76 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 75 wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$; and

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-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ or an alpha- or beta-oriented group of Formula IIIA:



Claim 77 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^x is hydrogen.

Claim 78 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 76 wherein R^x is a hydroxy protecting group.

Claim 79 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 75 wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$.

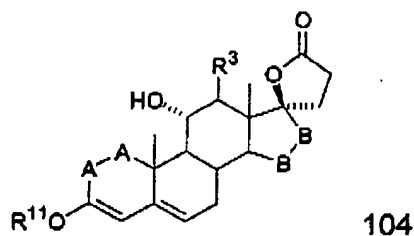
Claim 80 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 79 wherein R^x is hydrogen.

Claim 81 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 79 wherein R^x is a hydroxy protecting group.

Claim 82 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 81 wherein R^x is alkyl.

Claim 83 (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 82 wherein R^x is ethyl.

Claim 84 (previously presented): A compound corresponding to Formula 104:

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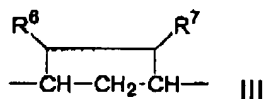
wherein:

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^4-\text{CHR}^5-$ or $-\text{CR}^4=\text{CR}^5-$;

R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy;

R^{11} is C_1 to C_4 lower alkyl; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^6-\text{CHR}^7-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:



where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy.

Claim 85 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 84 wherein:

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, and lower alkoxy;

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$.

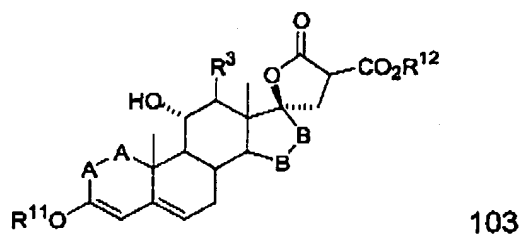
Claim 86 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 85 wherein R^3 is hydrogen.

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Claim 87 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 86 wherein R¹¹ is methyl.

Claim 88 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 86 wherein R¹¹ is ethyl.

Claim 89 (previously presented): A compound corresponding to Formula 103:



wherein:

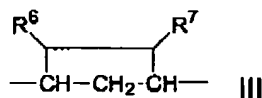
-A-A- represents the group -CHR⁴-CHR⁵- or -CR⁴=CR⁵-;

R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy;

R¹¹ is C₁ to C₄ lower alkyl;

R¹² is C₁ to C₄ lower alkyl; and

-B-B- represents the group -CHR⁶-CHR⁷- or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:



where R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy.

Claim 90 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 89 wherein:

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R³ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, and lower alkoxy;

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; and

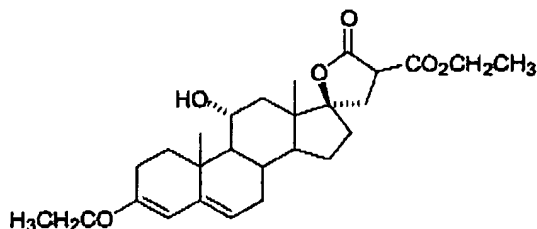
-B-B- represents the group **-CH₂-CH₂-**.

Claim 91 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 90 wherein R³ is hydrogen.

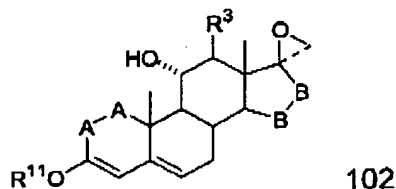
Claim 92 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 91 wherein R¹¹ is methyl.

Claim 93 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 91 wherein R¹¹ is ethyl.

Claim 94 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 89 having the structural formula:



Claim 95 (previously presented): A compound corresponding to Formula 102:



wherein:

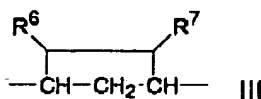
-A-A- represents the group -CHR⁴-CHR⁵- or -CR⁴=CR⁵-;

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R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, cyano, and aryloxy;

R^{11} is C_1 to C_4 lower alkyl; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CHR}^6-\text{CHR}^7-$ or an alpha- or beta- oriented group of Formula III:



where R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, lower alkoxy, acyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, acyloxyalkyl, cyano, and aryloxy.

Claim 96 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 95 wherein:

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, and lower alkoxy;

-A-A- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; and

-B-B- represents the group $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$.

Claim 97 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 96 wherein R^3 is hydrogen.

Claim 98 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 97 wherein R^{11} is methyl.

Claim 99 (previously presented): A compound according to claim 97 wherein R^{11} is ethyl.

Claims 100-104 (canceled).